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Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (Amended) A pneumatic tire comprising in its bottom zone an elastomeric internal filler mix in the form of a profiled member which is located axially to the outside of the upturn of the carcass reinforcement, or a reinforcement profile for the beads of the tire which is located radially above the bead wire and adjacent to said bead wire, said elastomeric internal filler mix comprising a cohesive and low-hysteretic rubber composition wherein the elastomeric matrix comprises more than 70 phr of natural rubber or synthetic polyisoprene having double bonds, the majority of which are cis-1,4 bonds, and a reinforcing filler selected from among:

(i) a white filler of the silica and/or alumina type comprising SiOH and/or AlOH surface functions, which is selected from among the group consisting of precipitated or pyrogenic silicas, aluminas, aluminosilicates and carbon blacks modified during or after synthesis to have SiOH or AlOH functions at their surface, wherein said white filler has a specific area of between 30 and 260 m²/g and is present in an amount of between 15 phr and 40 phr, and

(ii) a blend of carbon black having a BET specific surface area of between 30 and 160 m²/g , and the white filler of (i), wherein the amount of white filler is greater than or equal to the amount of carbon black in phr minus 5 phr, wherein said blend is in an amount greater than or equal to 15 phr and less than 50 phr,

wherein the reinforcing filler is present in an amount less than 50 phr.